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**2015 PSLC
Over 40
CHAMPIONS**

Stare Byki	4	National Soccer League 2nd Division
Das Magic	2	Oak Brook Sports Core 24 July 2016

Byki beat the heat & Das Magic

The Byki and Das Magic agreed to play their postponed match from July 10 last Sunday, when both teams were unexpectedly idle. The Byki, who missed out on being a contender for promotion in 2015 on the heels of two defeats to Das Magic, stayed focused and disciplined en route to a 4:2 victory. Quavas Kirk and Alvaro Alfaro each contributed a goal and an assist. The Byki evened their record at 3-0-3, as they begin their climb up the table.

The Byki got some startling news early in the week, when their regularly scheduled opponent, FC Kosova, informed the NSL that they were withdrawing their team from the competition. Kosova were the second First Division side to call it quits this season, following the withdrawal of CKS Warta B. "From what I understand, Kosova were playing shorthanded in all but one of their matches," said coach George Gorecki. The sides were to have met this coming Sunday as well. The League is in the process of re-setting the schedule for the balance of the season.

The Byki dressed 14 players for the match and needed every one of them, as heat index numbers climbed into the 100s. The team played some very smart soccer and took advantage of their opponents' weaknesses.

It took only eight minutes for the Byki to get going. Kyler Mowry, intercepted a poorly struck square pass by a Das Magic defender and went straight to goal. He fired into the lower corner and put the Byki in the driver's seat.

It took a few minutes for the Byki to adjust their game to a 4-4-2 formation. Gorecki chose to add a second striker into the mix, and the midfielders had to make some positional adjustments. Das Magic tried to parlay the extra space into success, but the Byki found ways to shut them down. Das Magic came close to an equalizer in the 21st, thanks to a whiffed clearance. A shot from 18 yards banged off of the goalpost.

Two minutes later, Kirk turned on the ball in front of the 6-yard box, but could only manage a weak shot at the keeper. Kirk, would not be denied, however, just after the half hour

mark.

Phil Parker launched a pass from midfield for Alfaro on the right flank. Alfaro hustled to keep the ball in play and scooted along the touchline, getting a cross in on the near side of the penalty area. Kirk flashed into the space and drove a twisting header just inside the post for a 2:0 lead.

Das Magic redoubled their effort for the remainder of the first half. In the 33rd minute, a Das Magic through pass beat the Byki up the middle. Devin Freitag slid in to intervene, and keeper Pete Chronowski grabbed the loose ball. Moments later, Das Magic ran a counterattack along the right side and Chronowski deflected the near-post attempt off of the upright.

The visitors looked set to get back into the match in the 41st minute. Alan Stevens handled a cross into the box and the referee did not see it as an accident, immediately pointing to the spot. Chronowski came up huge on the penalty, blocking the kick with a dive to his right.

Two minutes later, the Byki got sloppy in the back and a turnover allowed a Das Magic player to surge into the penalty area. Chronowski came out to cut off the angle, forcing the shooter to send the ball wide.

The Byki were desperate to find the next goal. Going up 3:0 in the hot conditions would put Das Magic into a deep hole. If Das Magic were to get that next goal, a 2:1 scoreline would portend an endgame that could go either way.

Chronowski did his part to make sure that Das Magic would not get closer. He was well positioned on two attempts, deflecting both away from danger.

The Byki went 3:0 up ten minutes from the end. Kirk controlled a short defensive clearance from Das Magic on the left flank and curled an exquisite ball to the back post for Cristian Rodriguez. The winger had drifted into the space undetected and headed past the goalie.

That should have taken care of business, but Das Magic had other ideas. They earned their second penalty of the

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contest in the 84th minute, when a sliding challenge from Stevens was adjudged to have been a foul. Das Magic converted the penalty kick to pull to within 3:1.

The Byki were flat-footed in the 88th minute, as a series of passes opened up space in the box, forcing Chronowski to make a kick save at his near post. Moments later, Chronowski blocked another shot following a corner kick. The Byki failed to clear and a drive from 20 yards whizzed in underneath the crossbar.

At 3:2, things looked dicey. But the stifling conditions had their effect on both teams. Alfaro put the result to bed when he dribbled his way through three exhausted defenders and came in alone on the goalie. Alfaro made it look easy, sliding home a shot just before the final whistle.

BYKI LINEUP (4-4-2): Chronowski – Stamatinos (c), Stevens, Sabo, Bickel – Parker, Ciszewski, Joiner, Mowry – Alfaro, Kirk. **Bench:** Freitag, B. Rodriguez, C. Rodriguez.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:0 – Mowry 2; 17th.
2:0 – Kirk 2 (Alfaro); 32nd.
3:0 – C. Rodriguez 1 (Kirk); 80th.
4:2 – Alfaro 1; 90th.

Byki Men of the Match: Pete Chronowski and Quavas Kirk.

Windy City	1	Premier Soccer League Over 40 B1 Division
Byki 0-40	3	Oak Brook Sports Core 24 July 2016

Unbeaten streak at 5 in a row

The Over 40 Team continued their climb up the table in search of the second promotion spot when they knocked off Windy City United 3:1 last Sunday at Oak Brook. The Byki are undefeated in their last five matches, and the only blemishes on their record are two defeats to Division leaders Grosse Point SC. Grosse Point lead the group with 21 points from eight matches, followed by Chicago Pampas, with 13 points from eight matches. The Byki are on 11 points and have played seven matches.

Windy City picked a bad day to play shorthanded and the Byki dominated possession throughout. Windy City did remain competitive for most of the contest, despite the hot and humid conditions.

The Byki wasted little time imposing their game plan. They moved the ball with swift, simple passes and quickly forced Windy City to go into defensive mode. Ade Ekundayo broke the ice in the eighth minute. Roman Kramarz laid a pass into Ekundayo path and the midfielder patiently worked his way into shooting position before calmly stroking a shot past the keeper.

Windy City caught the Byki a bit flat-footed in the 15th minute. They found an open man 12 yards from goal, but his shot clanged off of the goalpost to spare Byki blushes.

The Byki responded immediately, as Ekundayo dished a pass to Diego Penafiel. The opening allowed Penafiel to go directly to goal, where he was hacked down from behind. The referee awarded the penalty kick and Kramarz converted from the spot to make it 2:0.

Momentum stayed with the Byki for the rest of the first half, but they could not find the crucial goal to put away Windy City. Instead, it was Windy City who breathed new life into their hopes when they pulled one back in the 41st minute. Sweeper Doug Towsey stuck his leg in the path of a Windy City pass, but wound up deflecting it into the Byki penalty area. A Windy City player got there first and slammed a shot past a powerless Dean Fukar.

It wasn't the best way to end the half, but the Byki had plenty of confidence when they returned for the second stanza. Steven Pedlow, a force out wide all day long, made a strong run down the left wing in the 58th minute. He took the ball deep and turned to the inside, just in time to receive a two-hand push in the back from the lazy Windy City defender. The referee awarded the Byki their second penalty of the day on what was a very easy call.

Controversy emerged, however, as the referee was ready to send off the offending player, after what he thought was a second bookable offense. The Windy City players contended that it was a case of mistaken identity, as the player apparently changed shirts with a teammate who had been cautioned earlier. Why a player would need to, or want to change shirts with a teammate in the middle of a match remains a mystery. Incredibly, the referee accepted this thesis and Windy City were allowed to soldier on with ten players.

In the meantime, Kramarz failed to convert his second penalty kick of the contest, as the keeper guessed correctly and blocked the shot.

The Byki, however, recovered from that misstep a couple of minutes later. Miguel Zarate pushed forward from his fullback position and sent in a cross that dinged off of the far post. As Windy City defenders stood frozen in front of their goal, Pedlow, swooped in and banged home the rebound for a 3:1 lead.

Windy City, despite being battered and bruised, continued the fight. They came close in the 80th minute, when a shot from distance hit the crossbar. And Fukar saved the day just before the final whistle, going full stretch on a shot from 20 yards.

BYKI LINEUP (4-2-3-1): Fukar – Towsey, Safford, Fink, Zarate – Lane, Penafiel – Banbor, Pedlow, Ekundayo (c) – Kramarz. **Bench:** Elmkinssi, Huck, Muehlbauer, Park.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:0 – Ekundayo 2 (Kramarz); 8th.
2:0 – Kramarz 7 (pk); 17th
3:1 – Pedlow 5 (Zarate); 62nd.

Byki Man of the Match: Ade Ekundayo

Byki O-48	1	Premier Soccer League Over 48 Division
St C Celtics	2	Olympic Park 27 July 2016

Weak first half dooms Byki

The Over 48 Team showed a split personality last Wednesday when they faced the St Charles Celtics. The Celtics dominated the affair in the first half, running out to a 2:0 lead. The Byki made some adjustments at the break and were the better team in the second half. That first-half deficit, however, was too much to overcome and the Celtics left Olympic Park 2:1 winners.

The slow starts have been an annoying problem for the Byki. The same thing happened in two previous matches this season, versus the Celtics and versus International. The Byki lost both of those games. In the two matches that the Byki have won this season, they came out of the gate strongly. "Maybe we need to arrive 45 minutes ahead of the game and do a warm-up," quipped George Gorecki.

The most disappointing aspect of these slow starts is that the poor quality is basically self-inflicted. The Byki were constantly giving the ball away, making poor decisions, and were not hustling to get back on defense. Despite how poorly the Byki had played in the first half, the game was still scoreless past the half hour mark. Eventually, the Celtics found their breakthrough and the Byki were on the ropes just trying to hang on.

The only real scoring chance in the early part of the contest came in the 18th minute. The Celtics pushed a counterattack along the left side. Several Byki chased after the ball, but could not win it. A Celtics player sent a square pass through the goal area, finding an unmarked teammate at the far post. It was a chance that was easier to make than to miss, but the Celtics player somehow sent the tap-in wide.

The Celtics found lots of joy in the middle of the field. Even though the Byki lined up with five midfielders, the back four were constantly facing Celtics running through the center unimpeded. Most of the shots that the Celtics generated were sprayed all over Olympic Park. But once they found the range, the Celtics were pounding the Byki left and right.

They broke the ice in the 36th minute, following a Byki turnover in midfield. The unbalanced Byki were unable to cope with the forceful counterattack, and a Celtics player dished the ball to an open teammate on the left side of the area. Volunteer goalkeeper Paul King came out to challenge, but the Celtics player slipped the ball underneath him.

Moments later, a Celtics player concluded a long dribbling run with a blast from 15 yards that whizzed over the bar.

A Celtics through pass unhinged the Byki defense in the 38th minute. The Celtics player ran into the open space and easily slotted past King to make it 2:0.

Halftime could not come soon enough for the Byki, who were in serious need of regrouping. They focused on playing simple soccer and improving their defensive positioning.

Midfielders Brian Huck and Juan Carlos Carrillo took on the task of getting after the Celtics' playmakers and basically nullified them in the second half. That played a big role in allowing the Byki to get back into the contest.

The Byki attack immediately looked more lively in the second half, as the Byki began applying pressure on the Celtics' backline. Oftentimes, the crucial final touch was found to be lacking, but the field was no longer tilted towards the Byki goal.

The Byki found quite a bit of joy on the counter. Dominic Demarets and Steven Pedlow were consistently finding openings and they got their reward in the 66th minute. Pedlow carried along the left wing and found Demarets in the middle. The striker took off, and suddenly, the Celtics were backpedaling. Pedlow made the run into the box to receive the return pass from Demarets. With a man on his back, Pedlow made a difficult turn and laid the ball back for the supporting Huck. Seeing the keeper coming off his line, Huck adroitly struck his shot with the outside of his foot to halve the deficit at 2:1.

Demarets and Pedlow were at it again nine minutes later. Demarets controlled the ball at the halfway line and found Pedlow making the run into space. Pedlow accelerated to goal and was thwarted by a sprinting Celtics defender who poked the ball away before Pedlow could shoot.

Outside of Concordia, the Over 48 Division is a wide-open competition. The Byki have yet to make the most of their opportunity.

BYKI LINEUP (4-5-1): King – Zadlo, Park, Fink, Bolesta – Huck, Carrillo, Pedlow (c), Cohen, Gorski – Demarets. .

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

1:2 – Huck 3 (Pedlow); 66th.

Byki Men of the Match: Dave Fink and John Park.

Byki O-30	0	Premier Soccer League Over 30 White Division
Levski	6	Oak Brook Sports Core 24 July 2016

Levski counters flatten Byki

Levski Chicago showed up at Oak Brook last Sunday with their counterattacking shoes on and proceeded to steamroll the Byki 6:0 in sweltering conditions. The Byki did their best to stay competitive, but were generally overmatched by one of the contending teams in the Over 30 Division.

The biggest hurdle for the Byki was being able to maintain possession. They gave the ball away far too cheaply, and often sent speculative passes into space to create a bevy of unforced turnovers.

The Byki had a nice opportunity in the 12th minute, when Gregorio Siervo swept past Levski's right fullback and went directly to goal. A second defender slid underneath Siervo

before he could get into shooting position.

Six minutes later, Levski sent a ball over the top of the Byki defense to a striker sprinting into the clear. Goalkeeper Amit Khankari came out to challenge, and the striker lobbed the ball well over the bar. But the Byki then gave the ball right back to Levski and they found the back of the net for a 1:0 lead.

In the 24th minute, Levski concluded a period of smart ball movement with a shot from the left side of the box that nestled inside of the right goalpost to make it 2:0.

The Byki were guilty of poor communication as they tried to move the ball out of the back in the 34th minute, and promptly gave it away. Levski wasted no time smashing through the right side of the Byki defense to increase their advantage to three goals.

Levski were close to putting the game away in the latter stages of the first half. Khankari was left on his own on both occasions and somehow cleared the ball to safety. The Byki were down by three at the break, but a lot of work would be necessary to turn things around.

Midfielder Pete Beeson emerged with a breakaway in the 48th minute and was denied by a terrific diving save from the Levski goalie.

The visitors received a huge gift from the referee two

minutes later. A long ball that was going nowhere was tracked down by Khankari near the goal line. A Levski forward had given chase and then fell over as Khankari kicked the ball away. The referee incredibly called for a penalty kick on a play where no foul had occurred. Levski obliged from the spot and the score swelled to 4:0.

The field was stretched significantly over the last half hour, as fatigue became a significant factor. Levski kept the counters coming and Khankari got far more practice on dealing with breakaways than he would have liked.

Levski made it 5:0 in the 66th minute when a player ran on to a through pass that split the Byki defense up the middle. The Levski player faked past Khankari and then did the same to two trailing Byki defenders before depositing the ball into the goal.

At that point, the Byki were hoping for a quick and merciful end to the match.

BYKI LINEUP (4-5-1): Khankari – Wolosewicz, Buur, Hurley, Marquez – Beeson, Kotsy, Siervo, Boeckeler, Kekus (c) – Najera. **Bench:** Chudyba, Field.

BYKI SCORING SUMMARY

None.

Byki Man of the Match: None given,

Byki Stats

FIRST TEAM, NSL 1ST DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Kirk	2	1	3
Mowry	2	1	3
Ciszewski	2	0	2
Alfaro	1	1	2
Stamatinos	0	2	2
Freitag	1	0	1
Joiner	1	0	1
Rodriguez, C.	1	0	1
Calleros	0	1	1
Stevens	0	1	1
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Chronowski	270	4	1.33
Mansuri	270	4	1.33

Current record: 3-0-3

O-30 TEAM, PSLC O-30 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Gibbs	3	1	4
Herholdt	2	2	4
Baekegaard	3	0	3
Boeckeler	1	1	2
Kekus	1	1	2
Pinkham	1	0	1
Buur	0	1	1
Najera	0	1	1
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Chronowski	180	5	2.50
Khankari	540	25	4.17

Current record: 2-0-6

O-40 TEAM, PSLC O-40 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Kramarz	7	3	10
Pedlow	5	0	5
Ekundayo	2	1	3
Penafiel	1	2	3
Rodriguez, G.	1	1	2
Zarate	1	1	2
Meuhlbauer	1	0	1
Lane	0	1	1
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Vlahakis	450	6	1.20
Fukar	180	3	1.50

Current record: 3-2-2

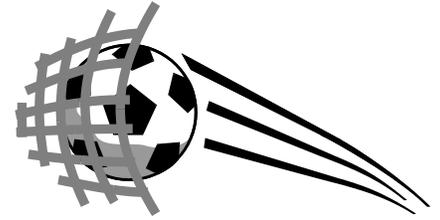
O-48 TEAM, PSLC O-48 DIVISION

Player	G	A	Pts
Pedlow	5	1	6
Huck	3	1	4
Cohen	2	1	3
Nelson	0	2	2
Safford	0	2	2
Carrillo	0	1	1
Dahlquist	0	1	1
Goalie	Min	GA	GAA
Fukar	45	0	0.00
Bolesta	45	0	0.00
Calbay	87	1	1.03
Muehlabauer	48	1	1.88
Vlahakis	180	4	2.00
King	45	2	4.00

Current record: 2-0-3



BYKI bits & pieces



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How much does it cost to play?

Ticket donation is \$25 and the ticket is valid for all 17 weeks of the NFL season and playoffs up until the Super Bowl.

How do you win?

There are two ways to win. You win if the two teams listed for a given week combine to score the highest number of points that weekend in the NFL. You also win if the two teams listed for a given week combine to score the lowest number of points that weekend in the NFL.

How much do you win?

For the regular season, you win \$50 if your teams combine to score the highest number of points that week, and \$25 if they combine to score the lowest number of points. For the three weeks of the playoffs, the payouts rise to \$150 and \$75, respectively. A drawing for four cash prizes will be held during the lead-up to the Super Bowl. All tickets are eligible for this drawing.

What happens if a team is on a bye week?

Both teams listed on a ticket for a given week must play that week for the ticket to be valid. The same situation applies for the playoffs; if one or both teams listed for the playoff weeks are not in the playoffs, then the ticket is not valid for that week.

Will I be playing the same two teams every week?

No. The pairs of teams are selected at random. You have to check your ticket every week to see which teams are involved for that week.

Do the teams listed in a given week have to play one another in order to win?

No. In fact, it is highly unlikely that the teams listed will be playing one another. The only thing that counts is how many points are scored by the teams listed in their respective games.

What if someone else has the same teams that I do? Do we both win?

Every ticket is unique, so no other player has your two teams for a given week. There are a total of 496 tickets in play and the approximate odds of winning some kind of prize are 1 in 9.

What if there is more than one winning ticket?

If there is more than one winning ticket in a given week, the prize money will be split equally among the winners.

How do I know if I won?

All winners will be notified via email or phone, so it is important to ensure that you correctly fill out the details on the ticket stub. Details of prize winners will also be posted on this website.

Prize Summary

\$50 - Regular season week, high score
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\$150 - Playoff week, high score
\$75 - Playoff week, low score

\$500 - Cash drawing #1
\$250 - Cash drawing #2
\$125 - Cash drawing #3
\$125 - Cash drawing #4

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Red Section	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
AAC Winged Bull	6	5	1	0	13	2	16
SAC Wisla B	6	4	1	1	23	10	13
FC Macedonia	7	4	1	2	14	9	13
Stare Byki FC	6	3	0	3	10	8	9
FC Moldova	6	2	1	3	12	15	7
Das Magic	6	2	0	4	12	15	6
Chicago Dynasty FC B	7	0	0	7	6	31	0
CKS Warta B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FC Kosova	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Tricolorii	8	6	1	1	34	11	19
FC DePaul	6	6	0	0	32	3	18
FC Oasu	7	6	0	1	31	13	18
Levski Chicago 2014	7	5	1	1	28	10	16
St Charles Celtics	7	5	0	2	23	18	15
A.E.K F.C CHICAGO	8	2	3	3	23	20	9
Chicago Rangers FC	8	3	0	5	13	26	9
Olympiacos Chicago	8	2	2	4	17	22	8
Stare Byki FC	8	2	0	6	15	31	6
Real FC	8	0	1	7	10	41	1
Shogun	7	0	0	7	9	40	0

PSLC OVER 40 B1 DIVISION**July 24, 2016****www.pslchicagoland.com**

B1 DIVISION	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Grosse Point Social Club	8	7	0	1	23	7	21
Pampas OT	8	4	1	3	26	19	13
Stare Byki FC	7	3	2	2	18	9	11
Windy City United	8	3	1	4	16	19	10
Naperville Strikers FC	7	3	0	4	17	25	9
MANA Soccer Club	6	2	1	3	18	20	7
MOFG	6	0	1	5	6	25	1

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	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Concordia	4	4	0	0	14	2	12
Stare Byki FC	5	2	0	3	10	8	6
St Charles Celtics	3	2	0	1	3	3	6
International SC	3	1	0	2	3	6	3
Sofia BG	3	0	0	3	4	15	0